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RE: Revised Draft EIS/R


Dear Mr. Breintenbach,

I am writing to inform you that after reviewing the recently released revised Draft EIS/R, I believe it makes progress on three fronts. The ecosystem restoration program is now based on sound science and has measurable objectives. The decision on whether to build a peripheral canal has been delayed. And finally, there is more emphasis on conservation and recycling.

Even with these changes the revised Draft EIS/R is too vague, leans too heavily towards the construction of new dams and could waste billions of tax dollars. The environmental water account concept needs more detail. The way it is now written it could end up being another subsidized bailout scheme for water users. Also, the many alternatives to dams are not given high enough priority. The draft plan does contain many of the right problem solving tools, but not in the right proportions. There is too little commitment to water conservation and efficiency, nor are there adequate pollution prevention or water quality protections.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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